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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION OF JOHN ACKAH BLAY-MIEZAH

1. GHANA EMBASSY OFFICER TETTEH CALLED AT DEPARTMENT NOV-EMBER 28 TO OBTAIN GUIDANCE ON PROCEDURES GOG SHOULD FOLLOW IN REQUESTING EXTRADITION OF JOHN ACKAH BLAY-MIEZAH.

2. TETTEH WAS TOLD GHANA EMBASSY SHOULD OBTAIN FROM ACCRA SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE SUPPORTING OUTSTANDING CHARGES IN GHANA TO ESTABLISH THAT REASONABLE GROUNDS EXIST TO BRING BLAY-MIEZAH TO TRIAL. EVIDENCE SHOULD INCLUDE AFFIDAVITS FROM RESPONSIBLE GOG OFFICIALS. ALSO REQUIRED WILL BE PHOTOGRAPH OF BLAY-MIEZAH, TOGETHER WITH AFFIDAVIT FROM A GOG OFFICIAL PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH BLAY-MIEZAH CERTIFYING THAT PHOTOGRAPH IS A TRUE LIKENESS. ALL AFFIDAVITS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS MUST BE AUTHENTICATED BY US EMBASSY ACCRA.

3. ONCE GHANA EMBASSY HAS AUTHENTICATED DOCUMENTATION, IT SHOULD PREPARE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING BLAY-MIEZAH'S EXTRADITION. NOTE SHOULD INCLUDE HIS DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP, SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST HIM, AND REFERENCE TO THE TREATY UNDER WHICH EXTRADITION SOUGHT.

4. ONCE NOTE AND DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED BY STATE, JUSTICE

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WILL BE ASKED REVIEW DOCUMENTATION FOR ADEQUACY. WHEN SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OBTAINED, JUSTICE, WHICH WILL ACT FOR

GOG, WILL REQUEST HEARING. IF JUDGE AGREES TO ORDER EX-TRADITION, APPROPRIATE WARRANT WILL BE ISSUED.

5. PRECEDING INFORMATION FOR EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE IN DISCUSSING CASE WITH GOG OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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